AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

ABSTRACT

A gas cooking hob and a method of operating the hob including at least two physical cooking points and at least one electronic control component. A second one of the two cooking points located at a greater distance from the electronic control component than the first cooking point. The first cooking point is rendered inoperational or its calorific output is reduced when a first threshold temperature of the electronic control component is exceeded. The second cooking point is remains operational or its calorific output remains unchanged.